RESOLUTION NO. 2004-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL INITIATING CITY OF LODI'S "SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY CAMPAIGN" AND DESIGNATING FIRE STATIONS AS NEW SAFE HAVEN SITES

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WHEREAS, on January 1, 2001, California enacted a law that provides for the health and safety of unwanted newborn children, California's Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the law allows an individual to confidentially surrender an unharmed newborn three days old or younger at any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven site without fear of criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, a new California campaign unveiled by Governor Gray Davis on October 2, 2002, entitled "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" is aimed at informing the public of the State's Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the statewide campaign has adopted a blue-and-white "Safe Haven" emblem, which depicts an infant on an outstretched hand, that will be displayed at legal drop-off sites in California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has requested that County Boards of Supervisors initiate a "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has in turn requested that the City initiate a "No Shame, No Blame, No Names" campaign in Lodi to inform residents of the Safely Surrendered Baby law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi is recognizing various fire station locations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby recognize the following fire station locations as "Safe Havens" for the surrender of newborns 72 hours or younger:

Lodi Fire Station #1

210 W. Elm Street, Lodi, CA 95240

Lodi Fire Station #2

705 E. Lodi Avenue, Lodi, CA 95240

Lodi Fire Station #3

2141 S. Ham Lane, Lodi, CA 95242

Lodi Fire Station #4

180 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, CA 95242

Dated: August 4, 2004

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-157 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 4, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hansen

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

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City Clerk